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Docket: 834460-68474

Applicant: Wilson, et al.

Invention: Animal Food and Method

Serial No: 09/870,899

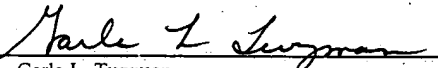
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Dated: October 25, 2001

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, Applicants request consideration of the following remarks. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. If any fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-68474.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, the Examiner restricted the 70 pending claims in the captioned application to 5 claim groups. Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-18, 41, 60, 69 and 70) directed to a method of increasing the reproductive performance of female swine.